

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
March 18, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham Presiding

Present: Council Member Roxanne M. Burns
Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.
Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso
Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith
Mayor Graham

Also Present: Sharon Addison, City Manager
James Burrows, City Attorney

City staff present: Elliott Nelson, Ken Mix, Kurt Hauk, Amy Pastuf, Beth Morris, Shawn McWayne, Barbara Wheeler, Brian Phelps, Erin Gardner, Mike Sligar, Justin Wood, Gene Hayes, Russ Randall

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Approving Employment Agreement Between the City of Watertown and Ann Marie Saunders, City Clerk
- Resolution No. 2 - Appointment to the Transportation Commission, Betsy Penrose
- Resolution No. 3 - Reappointment to Board of Ethics, Rande S. Richardson
- Resolution No. 4 - Reappointment to Board of Ethics, James D. St. Croix
- Resolution No. 5 - Appointment to Board of Ethics, James E. Mills
- Resolution No. 6 - Reappointment to Community Action Planning Council, Thomas J. Bruno
- Resolution No. 7 - Reappointment to Community Action Planning Council, Christina E. Stone
- Resolution No. 8 - Reappointment to Community Action Planning Council, Stanley Zarembo
- Resolution No. 9 - Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the County of Jefferson, AAA Transportation Program
- Resolution No. 10 - Approving Agreement for Services, Interactive Procurement Technologies by BidNet
- Resolution No. 11 - Accepting Bid for Thompson Park Zoo Pavilion, D.E.W. Builders Inc.
- Resolution No. 12 - Endorsing the Jefferson County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy of 2012
- Resolution No. 13 - Approving Modified Payment in Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement, New York Air Brake Corporation
- Adjourned City Council Meeting
- Thompson Park Sledding Fence
- Letter from Stevenson's Polar Bear Concessions – Request to negotiate concession vendor fee
- Woolworth Building PILOT Request Update
- Sales Tax Revenue – February 2013

Complete Reports on file in the office of the City Clerk

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2013 was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Roxanne M. Burns, seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

An unsigned letter was received in opposition of the recently passed zoning law regarding accessory uses in resident districts.

An email was received from Donald Hassig, Cancer Action NY, listing additional reference material opposing the fluoridation of water.

A letter was received from Debra L. Stevenson, Polar Bear Concessions requesting a negotiated rate for providing food service to the Black River Valley Horse Association horse shows.

A letter was received from SG Gates, 157 Dorsey Street outlining his efforts to develop a City Dog Park at Thompson Park over the past six years and his issues concerning the "Dog Ban". He is hoping to gain Council's support for this project.

Above communication was placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Peter Schmidt, 19743 County Route 65 extended a thank you from the YMCA for the incredible cooperation that they received from Police Chief Comins's staff, DPW Superintendent Gene Hayes' staff and the City Manager's staff during the recent Shamrock Run. He stated that there were 1,500+ runners which is a record number as well as the 25th Anniversary of the run. He said the staff was courteous and helpful and everything went like clockwork.

Debra Stevenson, Polar Bear Concessions told Council that she wrote a letter to Council regarding concessions during the horse shows and was hoping that they could come to an agreement.

Mayor Graham stated that this would come up under new business later in the meeting.

Mike Flynn, 29976 State Route 126 addressed Council voicing concern that the changes in the zoning code seem vague and unclear. At the time of the adoption, he said that the public was told by Council Member Butler and Council Member Smith that this was a Residential A issue but it now appears that the Zoning Code Supervisor and Planning Board Chairperson dispute this. He mentioned that Chairperson Sara Freda now states that she has concerns and may not be in support of it. He hopes that Council would modify statements made a few weeks ago in which it was said that the public had been misled and was operating from the lack of knowledge about the implications of the zoning change to the City at large versus just District A.

Tiffany Sanders, Shell Road, Theresa presented Council with a petition of 2,060 signatures opposing the law regarding the zoning change.

Troy Walts, 380 Brainard Street asked Council for an update on the panel that was to be put together to review the fluoridation of water. He said that he has contacted several pro-fluoride people to serve on it as well as some dentists that are anti-fluoride. He indicated that he would like to help out in order to get this moving forward.

S.G. Gates, 157 Dorsey Street reviewed the letter that he submitted to Council regarding a Dog Park as well as addressed the recent zoning change. He noted that at the last meeting it was mentioned that this law was originally for WWII veterans returning so that they could afford housing but stated that housing is out of control in Watertown and there continues to be veterans from the more recent wars. He remarked that Council Members are encouraging people to move outside the City if they cannot afford the rent which has already happened due to the “Dog Ban”. In regards to the Dog Park, he indicates that he works with the SPCA but their facility is not able to become what he would like to see in a Dog Park.

Donald Hassig, Cancer Action NY reminded Council that he sent a letter on February 12th to Council regarding Public Health’s claim that fluoride exposure has been proven to be safe and his request for their documentation proving this claim. He indicated that he did receive a letter from Steve Jennings, Public Health listing references but upon reading those, he could not find proof. He has found studies that show increased cancer when exposed to fluoride. He referred Council to a website supporting his opinion. He mentioned that he has not received a response from the Mayor and the Council Members and would like a public meeting in which the hard questions are asked about fluoride safety.

Sandra King, 1398 Cosgrove Street addressed Council stating that she did some research after one of the Council Members said on the “Live Show” that he never heard of the \$200,000 donation for a Dog Park. She noted that you can “Google” this and the press has been covering the Dog Park ever since S.G. Gates suggested it. She advised that Council should give him the Dog Park and should name it after him because he has been fighting for it for six years.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Approving Employment Agreement Between the City of Watertown and Ann Marie Saunders, City Clerk

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS the Charter of the City of Watertown details the Power and Duties of the Watertown City Council, and

WHEREAS in accordance with §20, Paragraph 5, the Council has a duty to enter into a contract with an appointed City Clerk for a period of time, which may, by reason of its duration, bind a future Council to its terms. However, in no event shall any Council enter into any one contract with an appointed City Clerk for a period exceeding two years,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby

approves the Employment Agreement between the City of Watertown and Ann Marie Saunders, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Employment Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham said that it was a pleasure to act as an intermediary to get Council to agree on the good job that Mrs. Saunders has done and that she will be with the City for another two years.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 2 - Appointment to the Transportation Commission, Betsy Penrose

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

RESOLVED that the following individual is appointed to the Transportation Commission for a three-year term, such term expiring on April 1, 2016:

Betsy Penrose
1127 Academy Street
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 3 - Reappointment to Board of Ethics, Rande S. Richardson

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2013:

Rande S. Richardson
269 Flower Avenue West
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 4 - Reappointment to Board of Ethics, James D. St. Croix

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2013:

James D. St. Croix
636 Davidson Street
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 5 - Appointment to Board of Ethics, James E. Mills

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Board of Ethics, for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2013:

James A. Mills
945 Sherman Street
Watertown, New York 13601

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 6 - Reappointment to Community Action Planning Council, Thomas J. Bruno

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the Jefferson County Community Action Planning Council for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby the official designee of City Council Member Teresa M. Macaluso in his appointment to the Jefferson County Community Action Planning Council:

Thomas J. Bruno
148 Francis Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 7 - Reappointment to Community Action Planning Council, Christina E. Stone

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the Jefferson County Community Action Planning Council for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby the official designee of Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham in her appointment to the Jefferson County Community Action Planning Council:

Christina E. Stone
20258 County Route 63
Watertown, NY 13601

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 8 - Reappointment to Community Action Planning Council, Stanley Zaremba

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the Jefferson County Community Action Planning Council for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby the official designee of City Council Member Joseph M. Butler in his appointment to the Jefferson County Community Action Planning Council:

Stanley Zaremba
505 Franklin Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 9 - Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the County of Jefferson, AAA Transportation Program

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS Jefferson County, acting through the Jefferson County Office for the Aging, wishes to enter into an Agreement with the City of Watertown to provide this service within the CitiBus service area, and

WHEREAS the Agreement is to provide transportation services, through our CitiBus program, to residents of Jefferson County who are sixty years of age or older to enable them to access and receive health, welfare and nutrition services, and

WHEREAS the term of this Agreement is from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, at a cost not-to-exceed \$4,605.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that it hereby approves the Agreement between the City of Watertown and Jefferson County, acting through the Jefferson County Office for the Aging, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Sharon Addison, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 10 - Approving Agreement for Services, Interactive Procurement Technologies by BidNet

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the City of Watertown wishes to upgrade the bid process to an electronic format to streamline procedures for the City Purchasing Department as well as potential bidders, and

WHEREAS the Purchasing Manager, Amy M. Pastuf, has contacted Interactive Procurement Technologies by BidNet to implement a paperless bid process, and

WHEREAS there is no cost to the City to participate in this service currently utilized by over 140 government agencies in New York State,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby

approves the Agreement for Services with Interactive Procurement Technologies by BidNet for a one-year term, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Sharon Addison, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler noted that there are no subscription fees but questioned the programming fee wondering if staff anticipates these charges.

Amy Pastuf, City Purchasing Manager replied that she does not anticipate this. In regard to the surplus auction fee, she indicated that the City currently uses Auctions International which does not cost anything and she plans to continue with that. She confirmed that the alert system falls under the Optional Value Added Service.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 11 - Accepting Bid for Thompson Park Zoo Pavilion, D.E.W. Builders Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the Thompson Park Zoo Pavilion, per our specifications, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to Northern New York and Syracuse Builders Exchange, the Dodge Reports and The Contract Reporter, with twenty-four (24) sets of bid specifications and plans requested by area builders with seven (7) sealed bids received and publicly opened and read in the City Purchasing Department on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Manager Amy M. Pastuf reviewed the bids received with Engineering Department and Parks and Recreation Department, and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the bid submitted by D.E.W. Builders Inc.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York accepts the bid submitted by D.E.W. Builders Inc. as the lowest qualifying bidder for the Thompson Park Zoo Pavilion including ~~*Bid Alternatives 2 and 3~~ **Bid Alternatives 1 and 2**, per our specifications, in the amount of ~~\$250,770.41~~ **\$254,902.37**.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council discussed the Alternatives Bids and clarified that Alternative Bid 2 and 3 are included in the resolution which would need to be amended if changes were made.

Mayor Graham stated that this has been a long journey but there is now a structure that looks good and is functional. He said that he is pleased the bids came in lower than expected and supports the resolution as it is written.

In regards to the cedar shake shingles included Bid Alternative 1, Council Member Burns commented that she likes this addition but it is not the recommendation of the City Engineer and she will defer to his expertise. She thanked the City Engineer and his staff for their due diligence in making the resolution before Council more acceptable.

Council Member Butler said that he will support this project but advised that he would eliminate the stamped concrete because it is not a necessity.

Council Member Macaluso agreed with Council Member Butler.

Council Member Smith asked how the members of the zoo felt about the stamped concrete.

John Wright, Director of the Zoo indicated that the stamped concrete is not a high priority and would prefer the cedar roof verses the stamped concrete because this type of roof would fit better with the appearance of the zoo. He added that the metal roof will be louder during presentations if it is raining.

Mayor Graham stated that he would continue to support Mr. Hauk's recommendation.

Council Member Butler and Council Member Burns compared the costs of the stamped concrete verses a metal roof concluding that there was only approximately a \$4,000 difference and both expressed support for the cedar shingles.

Motion was made by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns to amend the foregoing resolution to delete "Bid Alternatives 2 and 3" and replace it with "Bid Alternatives 1 and 2". Motion was seconded by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea except Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso voting nay.

Resolution No. 12 - Endorsing the Jefferson County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy of 2012

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS Jefferson County authorized the formation of the Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) Committee, now known as The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS) in 1990 for the purpose of preparing a County-wide Economic Development Plan, in order to establish eligibility for federal economic development funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), and

WHEREAS the required plan was developed and adopted in 1991 and revised and readopted in 1999 and 2006, thus maintaining eligibility to receive EDA funds, and

WHEREAS the CEDS Committee has recently undertaken a process designed to develop comprehensive revisions to the 2006 plan, and

WHEREAS the CEDS Committee's expressed purpose in undertaking this comprehensive revision was to both satisfy USEDAs requirements to maintain funding eligibility and to develop a plan

update that will serve as a useful guide for economic development planning throughout all sectors of the County's economy, and

WHEREAS the CEDS Committee adopted the revised and updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan on November 14, 2012,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby endorses the Jefferson County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy of 2012 as the guide for economic development efforts within the county.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 13 - Approving Modified Payment in Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement, New York Air Brake Corporation

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS, at its Regular Meeting of August 7, 1995 the City Council of the City of Watertown approved a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement negotiated between the New York Air Brake Corporation, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, the Watertown City School District, the County of Jefferson, and the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the New York Air Brake Corporation has requested a modification of said PILOT Agreement, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown believe a modification to said PILOT Agreement to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Watertown,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves said modified PILOT Agreement, attached hereto and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham clarified that Mr. Alexander assured him that there is no expectation of seeking a rebate.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

STAFF REPORTS

Adjourned City Council Meeting

Mayor Graham explained that next week the Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony is scheduled for Monday night so the City Manager had asked to hold an Adjourned City Council Meeting on Tuesday in order to continue further discussion on the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Council agreed to this meeting and it will start at 6:00 p.m.

Thompson Park Sledding Fence

Mayor Graham noted that the temporary fence was put up for safety reasons and stressed that tearing it down is vandalism to City property which is a crime. He noted that when the City Manager and her staff proposed limitations on going up the hill too high, it was to prevent accidents.

Council Member Burns remarked that this is not a top priority for the Police Department but if these individuals were caught then they should be treated the same as if they vandalized a shop window in the downtown area and it should be taken seriously.

Council Member Smith expressed concern that a permanent fence could still be cut down and a year round green chain link fence in the middle of the hill would not fit in the look of this beautiful Olmsted Park Entrance. He added that he appreciates the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department but since most of the year sledding does not take place, he feels there should not be a permanent chain link fence.

Council Member Macaluso stressed that the goal is to prevent someone from getting killed so Council needs to pick their poison and decide which way it should be done. She stated that she is fine with putting up a chain link fence because people are going to continue to knock down a temporary fence.

Council Member Butler advised that he hates to see a chain link fence up there and knows the intent is to provide safety for the people using the hill for sledding. He suggested planting large trees or building a stone fence higher up the hill to impede people from going up so high. He mentioned that Mr. Lumbis might want to see if Tree Watertown would want to take this on as a project. In addition, he pointed out that there is time to gather other ideas over the summer.

Council Member Burns said that she is not totally against the recommended fence and agreed that there is time to make a decision since it is the end of the sledding season. She suggested gathering additional information regarding how other sledding hills or tubing areas handle this in order to find the most effective solution.

Mayor Graham asked staff to work on this further.

Letter from Stevenson's Polar Bear Concessions – Request to negotiate concession vendor fee

Mayor Graham reminded Council that the fee structure currently is \$250 per event which Ms. Stevenson feels is onerous due to the nature of the horse show events verses the other bigger events. He asked if Council wants staff to look at the fee structure in respect to this.

Ms. Addison explained that at these events, the Polar Bear Concession will profit only \$300 - \$500 per event so they would pay 50% of this towards the concession fee.

Council Member Burns asked if staff feels there should be special circumstances.

Mayor Graham said that changes should be done through an ordinance and should not be waived at the staff level.

Ms. Stevenson confirmed that there are six events.

Given the small nature of these events, Mayor Graham agreed that the fee could be a problem. He asked that staff discuss it with them and other vendors in the same situation in order to come to a fair agreement.

Council Member Butler pointed out that the ordinance regarding fees was passed in haste and knew there were flaws. He said this situation highlights the flaws and he is willing to revisit this so he suggested staff think of all potential scenarios in order to get this right.

Council Member Smith added that the issue of parking fees needs to be looked at as well.

Mayor Graham noted that he has no problem revisiting this.

Woolworth Building PILOT Request Update

Mayor Graham advised that Council is not prepared to make any decisions tonight and suggested that questions be addressed to Mr. Phelps in order for this to be discussed further at a later date.

Sales Tax Revenue – February 2013

This report was available for Council to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Fluoridation

Council Member Burns wanted to address some of the concerns over the formation of the panel and said that the City owes an update to the folks that have been attending the meetings.

Ms. Addison referred this question to Mr. Sligar, Water Superintendent.

Mr. Sligar said that he has a meeting scheduled with the Jefferson-Lewis Dental Association in the first week of April to discuss this issue further. He indicated that he has nothing to report tonight and that this has been a very slow process. He hopes to have a report for Council at the second meeting in April.

Council Member Butler said that he would like to see this come to a conclusion. Currently, he stated that he is pro-fluoride but is willing to listen to both sides

Boards and Commissions

Council Member Burns offered thanks to the individuals willing to serve on these boards which are volunteer positions.

Recent Zoning Change – Accessory Use in Residential Districts

In regard to Mr. Flynn's comments during the Privilege of the Floor, Council Member Butler quoted the language that was removed from all districts and stated that it only has application to Residential A because rooming houses and boarding houses are allowable uses in the other districts. He advised that this still needs to play out and what has been portrayed in the media is at complete odds with what it

actually is. In the end, he said that Council is just trying to make all zoned neighborhoods better for the people that live there. He commented that he regrets the animosity and confusion that this has caused and is not sure if he can reverse the damage that has already been done. He suggested expanding the definition of family.

Council Member Smith indicated that the goal was to preserve Resident A Districts so that they did not become boarding houses. He thinks the public needs to know that roommates are allowed in every district.

Shawn McWayne, Code Enforcement Supervisor confirmed that roommates are allowed and agreed that individuals do not need to be blood relatives in order to live together in any district of the City.

Council Member Smith concluded that there is not a "Roommates Law" that he is aware of and asked Attorney Burrows if there is anything in the code that does not allow roommates in the City of Watertown.

Attorney Burrows stated that there is not such a provision in Section 310 which is zoning.

Council Member Smith reiterated that a "No Roommate Law" was not the intent and that this accessory use opens up issues that have to be addressed such as parking. He advised that his goal was not to define family or say they have to be blood relatives. As far as Mayor Graham's recommendation to refer this back to the Planning Board to ensure it is in-line with State and Federal regulations, Council Member Smith said that he is open to this but the public needs to understand what the Council really passed.

Mr. McWayne said parking needs to be consistent with the property. He explained that if the property is converted into a rental, it needs to comply with the zoning codes but a single family home does not have to have a family living in it and could have five individuals renting the home as long as there are not any modifications. He further explained that the accessory uses are pretty wide open in the City's Ordinance and there has never been a problem until recently.

Mayor Graham explained that he did not say much when this passed because he did not think that it would pass but he does agree that it is not a "Roommate Law". He stressed that Mrs. Cavallario has been subjected to a level of abuse that is inexcusable and said that what is going on is wrong. He noted that he has spoken to Mr. Mix and the Planning Board Chairperson Sara Freda who has expressed that she has changed her mind on this. He requested that staff draft an ordinance restoring the language under Section 310.34-7 of the Code to what it was and further draft an ordinance amending Section 310-1 regarding the definition of family in order to delete everything after the first period. Once this is introduced and seconded, he said it can be referred to the Planning Board for further recommendations.

DPAO and Parking Fees

Council Member Macaluso said that DPAO contacted her about waiving the parking fees so she is proposing to remove the flat fee and charge per car since the City staff is already there parking cars. She would like the City to be consistent and not show favoritism.

Mayor Graham advised that there is a method for proposing changes and said that Council Member Macaluso could ask that a new ordinance be drawn up.

Erin Gardner, Parks and Recreation Superintendent clarified for Council Member Butler that only the events requiring City staff to park cars would be charged.

Stream Call Center

Mayor Graham told Council that he recently visited this business which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary and urged Council to set up tour of the facility.

1000 Privateer Hockey Team

Mayor Graham congratulated the team on completing a successful year.

Watertown Local Development Corporation

Mayor Graham informed Council that the final papers for the pension reform will be completed soon.

Indoor Tennis

Mayor Graham mentioned that the organizers of this idea will address Council during a future work session in April.

Pearl Street Code Issue

Mayor Graham stated that there is a set of tires chained to a tree in the front yard of a house down the street from him and they had been there for six months. He noted that there is not equal justice when there is a complaint driven code system because this violation was on a heavily travelled street by many movers and shakers on their way to the Air Brake or Fort Drum. He concluded that when Council talks about code issues, they cannot just fixate on who can speak the loudest.

Motion was made by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. to move into Executive Session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property when publicity would affect the value thereof.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 9:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. by motion of Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk